of generating a group determination table indicating attention-degree patterns and group structure patterns for which the correspondence is determined in the determination step.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 1 is a block diagram of a teleconference system according to an embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a block diagram of a teleconference device according to the embodiment.

Fig. 3 is a view showing a method for generating attention-degree information according to the embodiment.

Fig. 4 is a view showing another method for generating attention-degree information according to the embodiment.

Fig. 5 is a block diagram of a seating-order determination device according to the embodiment.

Fig. 6 is a view showing the initial state of an attention-destination table according to the embodiment.

Fig. 7 is a view showing the initial state of a group table according to the embodiment.

Fig. 8 is a flowchart of initialization processing applied to the attention-destination table and the group table according to the embodiment.

Fig. 9 is a flowchart of processing to be performed when attention-degree information is generated according to

the embodiment.

Fig. 10 is a view showing an attention-destination table to which attention-degree information has been input according to the embodiment.

Fig. 11 is a flowchart of processing for inputting the contents of the attention-destination table to the group table according to the embodiment.

Fig. 12 is a view showing a group table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 13 is a view showing an attention-destination table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 14 is a view showing a group table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 15 is a view showing an attention-destination table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 16 is a view showing a group table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 17 is a view showing an attention-destination table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 18 is a view showing a group table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 19 is a view showing an attention-destination

table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 20 is a view showing a group table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 21 is a view showing an attention-destination table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 22 is a view showing a group table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 23 is a view showing an attention-destination table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 24 is a view showing a group table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 25 is a view showing an attention-destination table obtained during the processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 26 is a flowchart of seating-order determination processing according to the embodiment.

Fig. 27A and Fig. 27B are views showing example seating-order determination according to the embodiment.

Fig. 28A, Fig. 28B, and Fig. 28C are views showing another example seating-order determination according to the embodiment.

Fig. 29 is a view showing example distributed-seating-